

WHAT'S NEW IN BIRDLAND?

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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Progressive Dinner	August 3, 2019
Monthly Meeting August	August 10, 2019
Danville Car Show	August 18, 2019
Hearst Castle Weekend	August 23-25 2019
Monthly Meeting September	September 14, 2019
Ironstone Concours d'Elegance	September 27-29 2019

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

Don't forget to bring your spare change to all meetings and outings!



BATOC Club Monthly meeting is on the second Sat of each month at:

Buttercup Grill & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Rd
Walnut Creek CA
10am - 12pm \$20 for breakfast

Facebook Group Page: Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

Website: batoc.org

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Meeting Minutes July 13, 2019

32 attendees

Our president, Dave Adams, opened the meeting by saying the event of the month was him tripping over the bathroom scale, in his bathroom and getting his foot caught under the edge of the bathtub and breaking his ankle and his leg! On a positive note, Dave went on to say, he is amazed how people were so caring, running to get the door for him, and even offering to buy him a drink! It's been fun for him on that level.

Dave then went on to congratulate, Jean Riley, for the Gold Award she received for our newsletter. A big round of applause rang out throughout the room. Also, Dave, congratulated Tony and Kathy, who took Third Place Touring at the Flagstaff Convention this year. Next year's convention will be in Sarasota, Florida.

We also talked about Retro cars being included in CTCL. Gil said Retro cars are full members and the difference isn't very much. The issue is Retro cars don't get judged, and the Retro's don't get written up in CTCL or get featured in pictures, as yet, but they are full members. So, Dave, stressed again, that everyone in our club should join CTCL. Dave thanked Gil for the nice article he wrote in the Early Bird magazine on windshield wipers, because a lot of people want to convert. Next on the agenda was Jean and Guy talking about our 2020 calendars. The club has decided to let the whole country submit pictures of their cars in their environments. The ad placed in our Early Bird magazine was too small and we have only one car submission so far. It was decided and voted on to put a half page ad in the Early Bird magazine for about \$250-\$300.

Guy has an interesting picture on our BATOC website (batoc.org) where he is asking for your best picture of your car. It is hilarious, be sure to check our club website before it disappears!

Club activities were led by Mary Cummings.

Car show in Danville,

Sunday, July 21, Dave Adams event chairman

We will meet at Green Valley Shopping Center at 7:30AM

Leave no later than 8:15AM Show opens at 9AM

We will be between Veterans Hall and Starbucks. At 11 AM, a special display of Horseless Carriages \$25.00 entry fee, Dave will collect money that morning.

We expect 8-10 cars.

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Progressive dinner, Saturday, August 3. Starts at 5PM at Greg's house, then at 6:30 we travel to Ed's house, and after dinner to Lisa's house for dessert.

\$37.00 per person. Ed has a fantastic meal planned. Payments go to Maria. Payments must be in by August 27.

Second Car Show Event, Danville August 18. Same set up as July 21.

Hearst Castle August 23-25

Jean reported 25 people coming, 13 cars. Reservations have been made for the 10:30AM, the Grand Rooms tour on Saturday, August 24. Meet up early on Friday, August 23, in Pleasanton, drive down to Paso Robles, visit an air museum. Saturday go on tour, have lunch nearby, dinner at the Apple Farm. Sunday, get together with the Central Coast Club for Breakfast. \$30.50 per person for tour. Maria collecting money for tour.

Jean received a note from the Central Coast Club saying that they would like to get together with our club for breakfast on Saturday, August 24, or for lunch while we are at the Apple Farm. They read about our August trip to Hearst Castle in our newsletter. The Central Coast Club is located in San Luis Obispo. Dave said we should put more energy in participation with other clubs wherever we are going, and vice versa. We should position ourselves as to being very open to inner club participation.

Ironstone, Saturday, September 28 Register by end of August on line. Check website for all information. \$75.00 entry fee

Birds on the Wharf, Saturday, October 5

Alameda Car Show, October 12

November needs an event planner.

December 8- Christmas Holiday Party Janet, event planner

For those who host events/ outings, we all decided will get a tangible item. It would be more compelling with a physical item. Janet has a daughter-in-law, that etched glass and can put our logo on glasses. Her business is called Classy Glassy, and she can make any amount we choose. We are going to investigate this further.

Last item of business is the news that Don Johnson over at Thunderbird Headquarters has passed away. Our president, Dave, strongly recommends that we support Thunderbird Headquarters, send our condolences, and let them know we will continue to buy our parts from them.

Our president, Dave Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:30AM

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary

PRES SAYS



OK, HOW ABOUT A “QUICKIE” – WORDS WE’D ALL LIKE TO HEAR

So...there are a million things I could talk about in MY life, but that is NOT what you are looking for in a President’s Message. And in that regard, I don’t have a lot to report. But here’s what I do have.

If you missed our last meeting, Congratulations go to Jean for taking yet another “Gold Award” from CTCL for our BATOC newsletter. This is her first time winning, after the bar was set high by previous editor Bob Dixon. GREAT JOB JEAN.

Also, on the JEAN front, she and Bud have done an amazing job of organizing the Hearst Castle trip this month on Aug 23rd, 24th. This will be an amazing trip that includes connecting with the Central Coast T-Bird club for a little “Quickie” on the coast. As we talked about at last month’s meeting, we will be doing this (co-mingling with neighboring clubs) more and more and think this will make for great fun on our outings. Again, great job Bud & Jean.

Congratulations are also in order for Mark Goldenberg for taking the Danville Fire Department’s “Hottest Car Award” at the first Hot Summer Sunday’s show in Danville on the 21st. I guess the fire department just couldn’t resist a Fire Engine Red car. We had a great turn out with I think 12 or 14 cars – in fact more than we or the show anticipated – and we actually ran out of parking in the space allocated to us. And even though we were not in our usual spot, we had a great spot next to the Veteran’s Center under a very nice group of trees. Perfect setting for the afternoon. The next show is August 18th and we are looking for as many cars as we can get. We will have the same great spot and look forward

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to seeing everyone there. Please let me know if you can be there so I can make sure we have plenty of parking.

And finally, we are getting down to the wire if you want to sign up for Ironstone on September 28th. We say this every year, but if you have not done this weekend event in the past, you owe it to yourself to take part. It is a fabulous weekend and is probably the most beautiful car show setting you could ask for. A beautiful, fun, unique, fabulous weekend with great friends and great cars. How great is that. Jump in and join the party around the hotel pool.

So there's your quickie and I promise not to tell. Have a great month and hopefully when I see you next, I will be fully mobile and moving under my own power.

See Ya All Soon,
Dave

Office	Club Member
President	Dave Adams
Vice President, Webmaster	Guy Cummins
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Treasurer	Maria Guthrie
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Technical Director	Pete Lefevre
Sunshine Director	Lita Schaffer
Apparel Director	Lisa Brill-Nadler
Philanthropy Director	Sue Mathieson
Car Show Coordinator	Nick Verhoek

Technical Tidbits

Here is another article from **Technical Tips From Thunderbird Land** by **Robert DePaola**.

Temperature Gauge Sending Unit **By Joel Greenberg**

The temperature gauge for the 1955-1957 Thunderbird is located on the driver's side portion of the engine near the firewall. It is screwed into the top rear portion of the left side cylinder head. The sending unit is almost directly below the mounting bracket for the carburetor linkage. It looks similar to a spark plug with one wire attached to it and is clearly visible and easily accessible. The sending unit functions much like a thermometer. It does this by moving the needle on your temperature gauge as your car's coolant temperature rises. For those of you out there with "stuck" temperature gauges, this tip is for you. To test your temperature gauge, simply disconnect the wire attached to the temperature gauge sending unit and touch it to any good ground. Your dash gauge needle should move. If it does, your temperature gauge is functioning properly and the problem is probably a faulty sending unit. If the gauge does not move at all then the problem is either a loose or cracked wire and/or a bad temperature gauge.

To remove a faulty sending unit it will be necessary to drain enough antifreeze out of the cooling system to leave your radiator about one-half full. This will lower the coolant level to a point lower than the sending unit. With enough anti-freeze drained from the system, you can safely remove the sending unit from the cylinder head without having anti-freeze leak all over your detailed engine compartment. Depending on what year Thunderbird you have, you will need a box wrench size 5/8" to 3/4" to unscrew the sending unit.

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When installing the new sending unit, use Teflon tape to help prevent any coolant leaks. With the engine running, pour the coolant back into the radiator very slowly. Don't pour all the coolant back in at once. Try to divide the amount you need to refill the radiator into four or five fillings. Allow a few minutes in between fillings to make sure the thermostat has opened and your coolant is circulating.. Make sure your heater is turned to the "on" position. The blower does not need to be engaged, but the heater valve does need to be opened. By turning the heat "on" and pouring the anti-freeze back into the radiator very slowly, you will avoid developing any air pockets which may prevent your cooling system from functioning properly. Once the engine has heated up, check to see if your gauge is working. You should now be set to enjoy the summer: the sun, warm air, road construction, traffic jams, and temperature gauges warning you of impending disaster.



Hot Danville Sundays Car Show

The Danville Hot Summer Sunday Car Show turned back the Hands Of Time, as The Horseless Carriage Club of America made a Special appearance on July 21st. These special historical vehicles were a caravan of Pre 1916 treasures making an entrance on Prospect Street in Downtown Danville. Of course our Thunderbirds were well represented as well. Congratulations to Mark Goldenberg, who won the Danville Fire Department award for the Hottest Car. We had a lovely day.



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The Winner

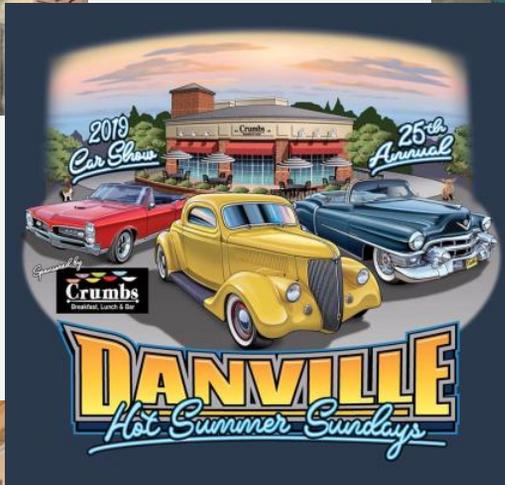


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JUL

**DANVILLE 2019 HOT
SUMMER SUNDAYS**

CAR SHOW

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

18
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\$25.00 Pre-Registration | \$30.00 Day of Show

Staging from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Danville Boulevard.
680 Freeway, Exit El Cerro. Follow the signs to Danville
Boulevard. Turn Left. All cars must enter by 11:00am.

Pre-Registered Cars Are Guaranteed Entry to the Show.



**Inviting ALL YEAR Muscle Cars, Hot Rods,
Classics, Customs, Foreign and Exotic**

Family Friendly Event * Multiple Award Categories * VIP Judges
Collector T-Shirts * Live Entertainment * Great Restaurants * Outside Cafes
Courtesy of the Danville Merchants' Association – Shop Danville

**Special ABC Breaking News Award Presented by
ABC TV News Anchorman Dan Ashley**

ONLINE REGISTRATION @ WWW.DHSSCS.COM

Vendor and Volunteer Opportunities Still Available
Please Call David at 925-437-3649 or by email ezasugo@yahoo.com



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

PROGRESSIVE

DINNER (3-peat)

Saturday, August 3rd

RSVP Today!!

Join your BATOC friends for another fun

PROGRESSIVE dinner party!

(It's as easy as **1, 2, 3**)

1. The evening starts at 5pm with Appetizers & Cocktails on Gregg's backyard deck (1420 Huston Rd., WC)
2. At 6:30, we'll travel to Ed & Donna's home for a New York Strip Dinner* with potatoes, salad, bread and beverages (1289 Crown Ct., WC)
3. Wrap up the evening with Dessert & Fun Conversation in Lisa & Eran's backyard (1972 Montclair Cir., WC)

* Vegetarian/Non Beef-eater? No problem - Contact Ed for an alternative entrée

COST: \$37/person

CONTACTS:

Ed Benson: Questions about the menu - 925-943-7011

Maria Guthrie: RSVPs and Event Payments - 925-292-7643

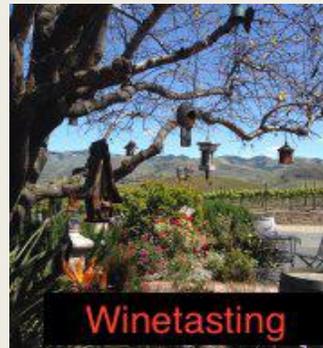
Mail payment to: 637 Yorkshire Ct. Livermore, CA 94551

HEARST CASTLE WEEKEND AUGUST 23-25 2019

Paso Robles



Hearst Castle



Join us for a weekend of beautiful sights and fun times.

Leave Friday, Aug 23 and return Sunday, Aug 25

On the way down, we will stop for lunch in Paso Robles and then visit the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Then we will head to the Apple Farm Hotel in San Luis Obispo.

Rooms are reserved as follows: Block ID 925862 Phone 800-255-2040

Main Inn: King Rooms (single king) in the Main Inn at a rate of \$239/night

Trellis Court: King (single king) Trellis Court Rooms or Queen Trellis Court Rooms with a patio hot tub at a rate of \$169/night

Cost of Hearst Castle Tour \$33 Reservations have not been secured yet.

After the tour, we can do some winetasting in San Luis Obispo and dinner at the hotel. Sunday, we are looking into brunch at the Madonna Inn then a leisurely drive home.

Please let Bud and Jean Riley know if you are attending. We will need a count for Hearst Castle by June 24: bjriley12@aol.com or 925-373-0403

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Alternate Local Car Show for Charity on September 28, 2019

Kaiser Permanente Car Show - Heart Walk - American Heart Association 7/17/19, 2:11 PM

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American Heart Association.
Heart Walk.

<http://www.heartwalk.org>



KAISER PERMANENTE.
HEART WHEELS CAR SHOW

Kaiser Permanente presents
HEART WHEELS CAR SHOW
https://www2.heart.org/site/DocServer/KaiserCarShowFlyer_2019.pdf?docID=5254

On behalf of the American Heart Association – supporting cardiovascular research and educational programs for the Bay Area.

WHEN: September 28, 2019
TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

WHERE: Kaiser Permanente, – 250 Hospital Parkway San Jose CA 95119

WHAT: Car show, vendors, farmer's market, and music! Plus a People's Choice Award!

Free admission for spectators! To register one or more cars or to secure a vendor booth, please submit the form below:

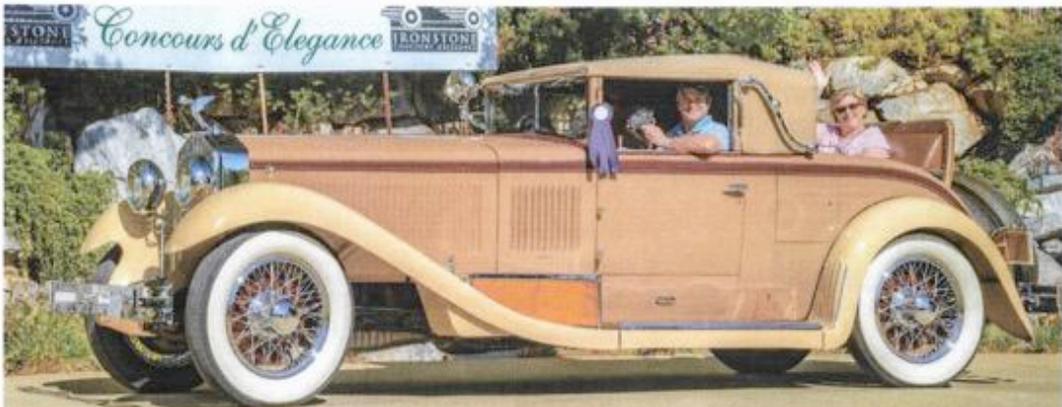
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Photos courtesy of Ron Kimball Studios

Best of Show 2018

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

THE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE WEEKEND

Friday, September 27, 2019

Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour

Cars & Stars Dinner

— & —

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Concours d'Elegance

Patron's Tent and Luncheon

Our **23rd** Year



IRONSTONE
CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019



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IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

2019 VEHICLE ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline is August 30, 2019

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Your Name _____ *(How you'd like your name to appear in program)*

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____ Email _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Cyl _____ Body Style _____ Color/Trim _____

Coachbuilder (if custom) _____ Class Requested _____

Comments/History: _____

Is this vehicle to be judged? Yes No Are you bringing a trailer? Yes No

My photo is enclosed. I will email a digital photo image to: cmbock@sbcglobal.net

ORDER FORM

Vehicle Entry (includes 2 admission & 2 buffet lunch)	<u> 1 </u>	1 vehicle	@ \$75 = \$ _____
Friday, Ironstone Vintage Back Roads Tour (2 guests)	_____	vehicle(s)	@ \$75 = \$ _____
Friday, Cars & Stars Dinner	_____	guests	@ \$75 = \$ _____
Saturday, Patron's Pavilion on the Field <i>includes lunch on the field</i>	_____	guests	@ \$125 = \$ _____
Additional Admission Tickets	_____	tickets	@ \$25 = \$ _____
Additional Buffet Tickets	_____	tickets	@ \$30 = \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would also like to support student programs! <i>Please, consider an additional donation to support students by sending them to summer camp and other educational programs: each program is \$150.00. We would appreciate any donation amount that you would like to make.</i>	_____		\$ _____
Total enclosed			\$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Ironstone Concours Foundation

Mail form to:
2972 W. Swain Road, #228
Stockton, CA 95219

Email or call:
cmbock@sbcglobal.net
(530) 477-8233

By signing below I agree to stay until the Best of Show Award has been presented and I understand that traffic control will be in place following the conclusion of the event for guest and entrant safety.

Release of Liability
Entrants and participants by execution of the entry form release and discharge the Ironstone Foundation and anyone else connected with the management of the car show from any and all known and unknown injuries, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by a participant to his/her property or person.

Signature of vehicle owner or representative

Date

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SAVE THE DATE



CLASSIC 1955-'57 • VINTAGE 1958-'66 • RETRO 2002-'05

THUNDERBIRDS ON THE WHARF

22ND ANNUAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
9AM-3PM • SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF

PROCEEDS BENEFIT PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



ENTRY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: MONTEREYBAYTBIRDS.COM ENTRY FEE: \$40 OR \$50 ON-SITE

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Plan Ahead for 2020 CTCI Convention In Sarasota, Florida

CTCI 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota, Florida May 4 - 9 2020

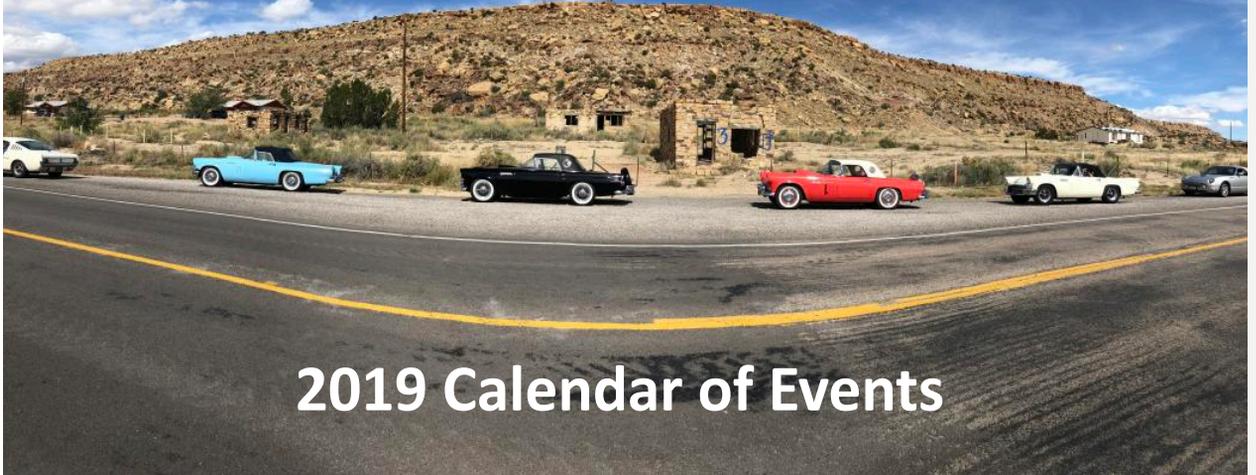
PRE-REGISTRATIONS: First 75 registrations are eligible for a drawing for \$200.00.
(host members are not eligible).

To pre-register send \$50.00 to Betty Tulowitzky, 14191 Tudball Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Please include address, email address, phone number, and CTCI number.

Hotel reservations can be made after May, 5 2019. Call 1-877-803-7534 Code is CTCI.



Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club



2019 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 12 / Feb 9

January 19 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)

February 3 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 9 / Apr 13 / May 11

March 9 – Bowling (Guthrie)

March 16 – St. Paddy's Day 1st St Alehouse (Cummins)

March 17 – Oakland Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day (Verhoek)

April 14 – Whale Watching (Dixon)

May 15-19 – CTCL Western Classic Roundup
Flagstaff, AZ

Summer – Meetings Jun 8 / Jul 13 / Aug 10

June 15 – Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner (Cummins)

July 21 – Danville Car Show #1

Summer (continued)

Aug 3 – Progressive Dinner Party
(Benson, Cannella, Nadler)

Aug 18 – Danville Car Show #2

Aug 23 - 25 – Hearst Castle (Riley)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 28 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Sept 30 – Oct 6 – Cruise: Vancouver to LA (Benson)

Oct 5 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct 12 – Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov XX –

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)

TBD – Tesla Factory Visit (Lloyd)

Apr 2020 – Kool Redding Nights



Updated 6/26/19

Ready to plan an event?
Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com